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1. SUMMARY. CHARGE MADE PRESENTATION OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOR SOLUTION OF PROBLEM OF NON-QUALIFIED ROMANIANS TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PACOSTE AND REQUESTED PROMPT GOR APPROVAL. PACOSTE PROMISED PROVIDE OFFICIAL RESPONSE ASAP, BUT WARNED THAT GOR MIGHT HAVE SERIOUS MISGIVINGS ABOUT PROCESSING NON-QUALIFIED ROMANIANS IF THEY HAVE TO STAY TEMPORARILY IN PROCESSING CENTER IN ITALY. END SUMMARY.

2. CHARGE AND CONSOFF MET WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CORNEL PACOSTE AND COUNSELOR MIRCEA MITRAN ON NOV 24 TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF NON-QUALIFIED ROMANIANS. DRAWING ON BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE FOR SOLUTION OF PROBLEM CONTAINED IN REF C, CHARGE UNDERSCORED EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THAT THESE PERSONS WILL BE ADMITTED PROMPTLY TO U.S. FOLLOWING FINAL PROCESSING IN ITALY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. VISA STAMPS WOULD BE PLACED IN PASSPORTS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM ROMANIA AND THAT ELABORATE
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ARRANGEMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR 82 PERSONS IN

THIS CATEGORY TO BE MET UPON ARRIVAL IN ROME WHERE THEY WOULD BE ASSISTED IN OBTAINING FOOD AND LODGING DURING BRIEF STAY IN ITALY. SAID ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT THESE PERSONS ON TEMPORARY BASIS AND WOULD ISSUE THEM TEMPORARY VISAS FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR STOP IN ITALY.

3. PACOSTE REPLIED HE WAS AWARE IN GENERAL TERMS OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE OF PRIOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU AND AMBASSADOR BARNES. BEFORE HE COULD GIVE OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONSULT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.

4. NOTING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING OFF THE RECORD, PACOSTE ADDED HE PERSONALLY HAD SERIOUS MISGIVINGS ABOUT ANY PROCESS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ROMANIAN CITIZENS TO STAY IN "REFUGEE CAMPS" WHILE AWAITING PROCESSING. (FYI CHARGE AVOIDED USE OF THIS TERM THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, BUT PACOSTE NEVER USED ANYTHING ELSE). FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS VIEWPOINT HE THOUGHT GOR WOULD FIND SUCH A SOLUTION HARD TO ACCEPT. PACOSTE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT GOR'S FAULT THESE PEOPLE DID NOT QUALIFY FOR IMMIGRATION TO U.S. ALL PERSONS APPROVED ON THE NON-QUALIFIED LIST HAD BEEN GRANTED APPROVAL TO DEPART EITHER BECAUSE OF REPEATED REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR BECAUSE OF EXPRESS INTEREST BY DEPARTMENT.

5. CHARGE REPLIED THAT THIS NOT ENTIRELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH FACTS, NOTING MOST OF CASES HAD BEEN HANDLED DIRECTLY BETWEEN GOR WASHINGTON EMBASSY AND BUCHAREST. UNDERSCORED FACT IF EMBASSY HAD BEEN INVOLVED OR CONSULTED WE WOULD HAVE PROMPTLY INFORMED APPLICANTS, GOR AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF THEIR INELIGIBILITY. REGARDLESS OF THIS, PROBLEM WAS NOW A MUTUAL ONE BECAUSE OF THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS INVOLVED. EMPHASIZING INTERESTS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE IN PROMPT RESOLUTION OF ISSUE, CHARGE ADDED THAT MAJOR EFFORT BEING MADE BY EMBASSY HERE AND THROUGH ROMANIAN COMMUNITY IN U.S. TO ENSURE SIMILAR SITUATION DID NOT ARISE IN FUTURE.
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6. CONCLUDED BY UNDERLINING NECESSITY OF SOLVING PROBLEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SINCE MANY NON-QUALIFIED ROMANIANS HAD EXIT PERMITS DUE TO EXPIRE DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER. NOTED GROWING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST AND OUR CONCERN OVER POTENTIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM (WHICH PACOSTE QUICKLY ACKNOWLEDGED). DEPAYYN INISTER PROMISED CHARGE OFFICIAL RESPONSE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

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